THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Presently part of Air India's unutilised traffic rights on the routes between India and Paris, Kuala Lumpur, London and Saa'na (Yemen) are being utilisted by the designated airlines of the respective countries under a commercial agreement with Air India.

(c) and (d) Air India is already operating its own service to Paris, Kuala Lumpur and London and is still left with balance entitlements to increase these operations. Air India has no plans to commence operations to Yemen in the near future.

Off-Loading of Cargo by AI Pilots

953. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India Pilots have started to off-load cargo;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been initiated?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) There are no such instances where cargo has been off-loaded by pilots in the recent past. However, there have been instances earlier when Pilots have prevented on-loading of cargo in order to carrying staff and their dependents travelling on non-revenue tickets.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Withdrawal of British Airways Services from Calcutta

954. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Airways has reversed its decision to withdraw services from Calcutta from 30th October;

(b) if so, what prompted them to withdraw these services and then reverse it;